With an advance of twenty to 100 per eent, and more, in the price of staple foods, the above is now a most important question to over forty millions of our people, and one of much interest to seven or eight millions more. Probably there are not two millions who take no thought or care as to the cost of their daily diet. Meats, flour, potatoes, corn-meal, and milk are the main articles of sustenance for the great masses. Fish, rice, beans, and oat-meal (recently), with lesser amounts of some other articles, are consumed; but these alto-gether do not, we judge, constitute one-tenth of the food of the entire people, perhaps not more than five or six per cent.

Dried or smoked beef, ham and cheese rank high, but dried fish outranks all others. The nutritive value of dried codfish is remarkable, and it deserves special attention, 100 lbs. of it supplying as much nutriment as 341 lbs. of beef! It is cheap and abundant everywhere, because very portable, and easily kept. It yields labor-sustaining aliment at from one-third down to one-ninth of the cost of beef in different sections of the country. It is easily digestible, and in order to avoid trouble from indiges-if properly freshened and cooked, it can tion. The dish was not so much of a be made palatable and acceptable to a very large class needing to practice economy.

Of the relative value of potatoes, flour. and corn-meal, we speak elsewhere. At the average price of beans, these are the cheapest self-sustaining of all direct products of the soil, if not charred or hardened in baking. The drought has greatly diminished the yield, and the present price is high, but they are still comparatively economical.

The occupation of any class of persons has much to do with deciding the most economical foods. It is estimated that. in a temperate climate, an average man needs, each twenty-four hours, simply to sustain life without increasing his weight, about eleven and a half ounces of heat-producing, and four and threequarters of flesh-forming foods. Laborers, and those putting forth much exer-tion, need most of the flesh-forming food, such as lean meats of all kinds, eggs, cheese, fish, beans, peas, oat-meal,

bread, cabbage, roots, etc.

Those exposed to cold need more of the heat-producing foods, as fat meats, containing large amounts of oil or starch or both, of sugar, etc.

Those working hard, in cold weather, need much of both kinds combined, as in pork and beans.

Wheat contains about sixty-nine per cent of heat-producing, and eleven per do not seem to think that it will ever cent of flesh-forming elements. Indian arrive at any degree of prominence as corn about seventy per cent of heat-pro-ducing starch and oil, and nine per cent That is why the of flesh-formers. Beans and peas about nature swore. He had never received firty-two per cent of heat-producing oil the benefits of early training in profaniand starch, and twenty-five per cent of flesh-formers.

economically used in supplying cottage or soft cheese as a strength-giv-

in the scarcity of vegetables, and should be much better known, and more used student of human nature can find a food of the common people in Italy, indeed of most classes. It is made of strongly glutinous wheat flour; hence troubled expression of the countenance, is flesh-forming, while its starch supplies heat. It may be cooked tender in boiling water, seasoned with salt, and eaten with or even without cream sauce, or milk or butter. After boiling it can drawn sigh and the smothered cuss be put in a pudding dish, with about a quarter of its weight of grated cheese sprinkled over it, and lightly baked.

The addition of cheese makes this diet of bologna sausage and a two-year old about equal to lean meat as a flesh-

Ripe peas should be more commonly used. A bowl of good pea soup is as satisfying as a hearty dinner on a cold day. To make a gallon of it, wash a pint of peas and soak them over night; then boil in five pints of water, gently simmering three hours or so, until soup may be seasoned in various wayswith onions, cloves, pepper, sugar, any or all of them, to make them most palatable. Bean soup may be made similarly.

Stewed carrots are a far more nourishing and economical human food than is generally known, and they should not be mainly left for animals. Scrape the roots, chop into small pieces, and stew in water until very tender. They may be seasoned with flour-and-butter sauce -all the better with cream added-and in various other ways. Some like them made piquant with a dish of cayenne.— American Agriculturist.

Wood Ashes.

Wood ashes are one of the most valuable fertilizers that a farmer can apply to his soil. Ash from the wood of the beach is said by chemists to contain ninety-six lbs. of potash, thirty-three lbs. of lime, six lbs. of magnesia, three lbs. of phosphoric acid, beside sulphuric acid, to the bushel of sixty lbs. From this it will be seen how great their manurial value is. For root crops of all kinds, grasses, clover, etc., they will be found just what is needed to stimulate and feed the crop. The ash is the mineral element of any vegetable structure, and therefore indispensable to it growth. The farmer who will sell his ashes is actually parting with so much of the fertility of his farm. As an application to reclaimed marsh land the effect of ashes is often wonderful. The burnt lands in the Huron peninsula will have their productiveness greatly in-creased by the burning of the forests that covered them, and farmers there will receive great benefit in the future from the clearing of the lands and the depositing of the ashes from the burned forest upon them .- Michigan Farmer.

once, clamp the parts, and do not disturb for twenty-four hours. Do not use casually, a few days since, and dropped ing and dusting are over for the day.—

| Wanted to die there. He called there be taken entirely down after the sweeping and dusting are over for the day.—
| Do not use | Do an excess of the cement.

A Sioux Bill of Fare.

One of the peculiarities of the latest United States style of feeding the noble red man is the fact that he is given Government rations, and at the same time appropriations are made which are supposed to maintain him.

Sometimes a wild Indian who don't know much about groceries and how to prepare them for food comes in and draws his regular soldier ration in this way. For instance, up in the Sitting Bull country awhile ago, an Indian came in from the war-path who had never seen any of the pale-face style of food,

and drew his rations. He made a light meal of green, unground coffee the first day, and, as he over-ate, and the coffee swelled on him, he had difficulty in buttoning his pants around the pain that he had on hand.

He felt very unhappy for a day or two, but laid it to the fact that he hadn't exercised much, and the consequent ennui and indigestion resulting therefrom.

As soon as he had succeeded in getting the interior department quieted down a little, he tackled his ration of candles. These he decided to parboil, glittering success as he had anticipated, and as he remorsefully picked the can-dle wicking out of his teeth with a tentpin, he made some remarks that grated harshly on the æsthetic ears of those who stood near.

He then tried a meal of yeast powder with vinegar. He ate the yeast powder and then took a pint of extremely potent vinegar to wash it down.

At first there was a feeling of glad surprise in his stomach, which rapidly gave place to unavailing remorse. A can of yeast powder in an Indian's stomach don't seem to be prepared for a pint of vinegar, and the result of such an unfortunate combination is not grati-

Every little while a look of pain would come over the features of the noble child of the forest, and then he stir it, and serve daintily with a garnish try to kick a clould out of the sky. Then | be extracted. he would sit down and think over his

er meal for himself. Then he fricaseed corn-meal, and generally those articles a couple of pounds of laundry soap and

Soap is all right for external purposes, or for treating a pair of soiled the gastric juices readily, and those who have tried fried laundry soap as a relish

That is why this untutored child of ty, and his language therefore was disconnected and rambling, but when we Milk admirably combines flesh-form- consider that he was ignorant of our ing curd or cheese, and the heat-pro- language, and that every little while he ducing oil (butter) and sugar. All kinds, had to stop and hold on to his digester of cheese, including the cottage or sour with both hands and dig holes in the milk cheese, are excellent strength-giver earth with his feet, the remarks didn't ing food. All skimmed milk may be seem altogether out of place or irrel-

When a gallon or so of agitated baking human food. This soft cheese is, in ing powder and vinegar is singing its utility and value, very like lean meats. little song in the innermost recesses of Maccaroni makes an excellent variety an Indian, and this has been followed by a treatment of laundry soap, the by the masses here. It is the staple wide field for observation in that local-

The earnest and occupied look, the followed by the quick, nervous twitching of the muscles of the face and then the swelling up of the body, the bursting of the suspender button, the deep words, all betoken the gastric agitation

dog to the high-priced groceries so common to our modern civilization.— Bill Nye's Boomerang.

The Bullet Chamber.

In a quiet nook of the royal castle of Berlin, not accessible to the general public, there is a small, plainly furnished thoroughly soft. With a potato masher room known for more than two centurub the soup through a colander or ries past to the successive custodians of wire sieve. A pound of beef or ham that ancient pile by the quaint designa-bone may be boiled with the peas. The tion of the Kugelkammer, or "Bullet tion of the Kugelkammer, or "Bullet Chamber." The origin of this title is due to the following curious historical incident: In the year 1631 Gustavus Adolphus, the heroic King of Sweden, sat down before Berlin with his army and opened peace negotiations with George William, then Elector of Brandenburg, taking the precaution, however, to erect batteries in commanding narrow shelf, and still another higher positions within close range of the city enceinte, with a view to exercising a wholesome and timely pressure upon the Kurfuerst and his military advisers. Under these circumstances, naturally enough George William promptly came to terms with his royal adversary; and the King, delighted at the success of his manœuver, instructed his artillerists cluded between himself and the Elector. to the consternation of the Berlinese, a storm of missiles burst upon their house roofs. The gallant Swedes had forgotten to draw the balls from their cannon. Four of these ponderous shot penetrated the walls of the royal castle, and were subsequently dug out from their lodgments in different portions of the building to be collected and ever after carefully preserved in the chamber which, to this day, is named after them.

> -The Zulu chief of a traveling museum which showed in Rochester was fingers of children. To keep these lower six feet and a half tall, and of course pots from being pulled down, it is well scarcely any clothes, spoke whatthe lec- the window to the other a strong twine, turer said was Zulu language, and was tied at leach end around screws sunk terrific in a war dance. But the mananearly to the head in the casement. ger failed to pay him the stipulated \$12 The plants would also be protected from

-Allen Lewis, an Olneyville, (R. I.) should be tied down at the bottom of the manufacturer, had a great affection for window with narrow ribbon or cord and liniments and medicines without any bene-To mend broken ivory, moisten thoroughly a small quantity of very finely powdered good quicklime with with of egg to form a paste. Use at wanted to die there. He called there wanted to die there. He called there be taken entirely down after the sweepdead upon the floor-

HOME AND FARM.

—Starch is greatly improved by the addition of a little salt and sperm when it has reached the boiling point.

-All sorts of vessels and utensils may be purified from long retained smells of every kind in the easiest and most perfect manner, by rinsing them out well with charcoal powder, after the grosser impurities have been scoured off with sand and water.

—One of the best things in the world to give a horse after he has been driven is a quart of oatmeal stirred in a pail of water. It refreshes and strengthens him, relieves his immediate thirst, and prepares his stomach for more solid food. So says Joseph Harris, after twenty years' trial of it.

-Stables should be warm enough so that horses may be comfortable without blankets; then the blankets will do good service as coverings when the animal is left standing out in the street. The practice of covering a horse with a blanket in the stable, to be removed as soon as he is taken out, is like a man wearing his overcoat indoors and taking it off when he goes out into the open

-Here is something the children-to say nothing of "children of a larger growth"-will enjoy making or having made, viz., hickory-nut macaroons: Take the meats and pound fine, add any spice you please, make frosting as for cake, and stir thick with the meats and spice. Flour the hands and make the mixture into balls the size of hickorynuts. Place on buttered tins (allow room to spread) and bake in a quick

-Chicken Hash .- This is the proper way to serve whatever roast or boiled chicken may be left over from dinner. Mince the cold chicken, but not very fine, and to a cupful of meal add two tablespoonfuls of good butter, a half cup of milk, enough of minced onion to give would jump about seventeen feet and of parsley. Every particle of bone must

-Apple Fritters.-These make cheap and delicious dessert. Prepare a It took about a week for him to get batter as for griddle cakes; that is, a back to where he dared to get up anoth- thin batter made of flour and sweet milk and baking powder or flour, sour milk, and soda; then stir in apples which you have chopped fine, the quantity depending on your taste; fry them as you would griddle cakes, and serve socks, but it does not assimilate with with a sirup made of melted white sugar. If you wish, you may make them in patty-pans instead of frying them.

-Turkey Stuffing.-Many great cooks make extra trouble in preparing a forcemeat stuffing of veal, ham, bacon, onions, potatoes, or bread-crumbs and all sorts of things. But the ordinary, old-fashioned stuffing for a turkey is generally liked the best. Take the soft part of good, light bread (not the crust), and do not wet it as is generally done, but rub it dry and fine, and work into it a piece of butter the size of an egg. Season with salt, pepper and summer savory. Add to this a dozen or more oysters, whole, and it will be very fine. Some good cooks who are ruled by taste, and not by books, add to a stuffing like the above large chestnuts boiled. The chestnuts are put on a fire in a sauce-pan or spider to burst the skins; they are then boiled in very salt water or stock, then mix with the stuffing whole. Serve with a chestnut sauce.

-Oats should be bruised for an old horse, but not for a young one, because the former, through age and defective teeth, can not chew them properly. The young horse can do so, and they are thus properly mixed with saliva and turned into wholesome nutriment. There is no nourishment in bad hav, and cheapness should never tempt you to use it. Damaged corn is also exceedingly injurious. Sprinkle hay with salted water. It is more easily digested. For a saddle or coach horse half a peck of sound oats and eighteen pounds of good hay are sufficient. If the hay is not good add a quarter of a peck more oats. A horse which works harder may have rather more of each; one that works less should have less. Rack feeding is wasteful. The better plan is to feed with chopped hay from a manger, because the food is not then thrown about, and is more easily chewed and digested.

The Window Garden.

It often happens that the only room available for plants contains but one sunny window. To arrange them so all catch a glimpse of the sun, set a row of pots on the window ledge, and fasten above them and inside the casement a up, allowing sufficient space between each two for the probable growth of the plants. A couple of hanging pots can the window, and between these can be strip of wood, and hanging them therebetter than many.

brous stand. Another is that all the pots, save those on the window ledge, are out of the reach of the mischievous a week, whereupon he complained before a Justice in good English, and said
he was Francis West, a Rondout hodleaves, by hanging from the wire brackets a breadth of mosquito netting long

Tises there is a run on the banks.

In a Cincinnati daily we notice that Mr.

Tim Gleeson, ex-member of the Council
from the Fourth Ward of that city, says he

Country Gentleman

The Cars Couldn't Kill Him.

Frank Kemp is a genius, physically speaking. It will be remembered that speaking. It will be remembered that Frank was thrown from the trucks of a car on the St. Joseph & Western last spring. He had been in Kansas and was on his way home. Being out of money, he undertook to ride on the trucks, but fell asleep and then fell off

Welce of the People.

R. V. Pierce, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y.:

I had a serious disease of the lungs, and was for a time confined to my bed and under the care of a physician. His prescriptions did not help me. I grew worse, coughing very severely. I commenced taking your "Golden Medical Discovery," and it cured trucks, but fell asleep and then fell off under the wheels. When the train got through with him, he was in a very de-moralized condition. Both legs were crushed into a mass, one of his ears was cut off, his nose was split open and half a dozen deep, agly gashes were cut in his head. He was picked up and taken to the hospital in this city, where one leg was amutated below the knee and the other half way between the knee and hip joint. When Kemp was taken to the hospital nearly every one thought he would die, but the fellow was plucky and fought it through, with the help of the physicians. When his limbs were amputated he refused to take chloroform, and underwent the operation with heroic fortitude. When he became convalescent, through the kindness of the Judges of the County Court, he was conveyed to the County Poor Farm, where he remained until yesterday, under the care of Dr. France. Yesterday he left the Farm as fat and hearty as if he had never been hurt, and took the train for Logansport, Ind., his home.— St. Joseph (Mo.) Gazette.

-At Madison, Wis., the other day, a citizen offered a farmer \$3.50 for a small load of wood. The farmer was very independent and refused to take less than \$4. The citizen meditated a moment. and then said: "I'll tell you what I'll do; I'll give you two cents a stick for the load." The farmer thought he saw a bargain, and quickly replied: "I'll take you." The wood was hauled to the house of the liveryman and the sticks unloaded and counted, one by one, when it was shown that there were exactly 140. The farmer mournfully pocketed his two cents a stick, amount-ing in all to \$2.80, and when last seen was slowly wending his way into the country, thoughtful and meditative.

-Common sense is one's own sense, believed to be uncommon.

-Experience is the name men give to

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec	ember	14	. 1881.
CATTLE-Native Steers		(4)	12 00
COTTON-Middling	Terres.	@	1234
FLOUR-Good to Choice	6 00	a	9 00
WHEAT-No. 2 Red	1 41	(4)	1 42 3
No. 2 Spring	1 36	w	1 37
CORN-No 2	70	60	71
OATS-Western Mixed	50	0	51
PORK-Standard Mess	18 00	a	18 25
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COTTON-Middling		a	11%
BEEVES-Choice	5 40	a	6 75
Fair to Good	5 00	60	5 50
Native Cows	2 25	6	4 00
Texas Steers	3 00	(0)	5 00
HOGS-Common to Select	5 00	@	6 50
SHEEP-Fair to Choice	3 50	a	4 50
		1.9250	
FLOUR-XXX to Choice	5 75	40	6 50
WHEAT-No. 2 Winter	1 34	0	1 35
No. 3 "	1 30	a	1 31
CORN-No. 2 Mixed	62	4	4446
OATS-No. 2	47	(4)	
RYE-No. 2	97	a	98
TOBACCO-Dark Lugs	4 75	@	5 75
Medium Dark Leaf	6 75	a	7 50
HAY-Choice Timothy		a	21 00
BUTTER-Choice Dairy	32	(a)	33
EGGS-Choice	24	4	26
PORK-Standard Mess	16 75	0	17 00
BACON-Clear Rib	10	@	10%
LARD-Prime Steam	10	@	10%
WOOL-Tub-washed, medium	34	@	
Unwashed	22	0	25
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE-Native Steers	5 00	@	7 50
HOGS-Good to choice	6 00	a	6 50
SHEEP-Good to choice	4 00	10	4 50
FLOUR-Winter	6 50	@	8 00
Spring	5 50	@	6 75
WHEAT-No. 2 Red	1 36	6	1 37
No. 2 Spring	1 26	0	1 27
CORN-No.2	60	@	61
OATS-No.2	45	a	46
RYE	97	6	98
PORK-New Mess			16 75
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A Nocturnal Hamble and What Came of It. Some genius-we suspect him to belong to

present herewith the experience of a Philadelphia journalist, Mr. William H. Cunnington, 1712 North Twentieth street, one of whose nocturnal rambles he thus refers to, beginning his narration rather peculiarly, however: "I am not a rheumatic, and have been troubled very little with bodily pains. Last Tuesday morning I experienced a very annoying stiffness of the neck, which grew worse as the day wore on. Toward evening it became very severe, and I could scarcely be suspended in wire brackets above turn my head in any direction. Arriving home at tea time, it was with difficulty that hung a number of smaller pots, by I could eat my meal. My wife wanted to placing across the brackets a strong thin | rub my neck with St. Jacobs Oil, but I refused, saying I thought the affliction would Then a two-pot iron bracket may soon pass away. Tea over, against the rebeyond the walls to fire a grand be fastened at equal height on either monstrances of my family, I left home to fue-de-joie in honor of the treaty consider of the window, and if desired a ramble toward the new Chestnut-Street ramble ramble toward the new Chestnut-Street ramble ramble ramble ramble narrow board laid across from one to Opera House, about two and a-half miles 15 to 120 free Address Stinson & Co. Portland. Me. His orders were at once obeyed, when, the other. All these shelves can be filled from my residence. I started in the midst with pots, but unless the window is very of a heavy snow storm, and remained at the high and deep only a limited number of theater until the close of the performance, small plants can be kept. These, how-ever, will thrive in the light and sun-and becoming very painful. Leaving the although I could feel my neck getting worse shine received. If only a little time can play the trouble came to reach home. The be devoted to their cultivation, a few are storm continued; the car in which I was became blocked in nearly every square, a cold One of the advantages of this plan is current of air swept through the car, and I that in a small living-room none of the did not reach my home until toward two s. crowded space is occupied by a cum- m., by which time my neck had become absolutely rigid. Then I consented to the use of St. Jacobs Oil, which my wife applied two or three times before I arose. I continued its use that day and by evening I was free from pain, and the next morning I amused was advertised as seven. He wore to pass around them from one side of myself by twisting my neck in any direction that suited me, and not a vestige of stiffness remained."-Boston Herald.

Is IT a coincidence? Whenever the river

enough to nearly touch the floor. It suffered terribly with rheumatism all last Beacon.

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